

# PROCLAMATION

## #P2013-05

**Whereas**, The DeKalb Public Library is one of only three libraries nationally to receive seven consecutive Big Read county-wide grants from the National Endowment for the Arts, and

**Whereas**, The Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts, designed to restore reading to the center of American culture, and

**Whereas**, The Big Read brings together partners across the country to encourage reading for pleasure and enlightenment, and

**Whereas**, the DeKalb Public Library, Altrusa of DeKalb-Sycamore, Kishwaukee College Family Literacy Program, and NIU's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences External Programming and the DeKalb County Board are all committed to restore reading to the center of American culture, and

**Whereas**, The Big Read is envisioned in our DeKalb County community to encourage children and adults to embrace reading and discussion of the same book.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the DeKalb County Board does hereby declare the month of October 2013 The Big Read Month for DeKalb County, Illinois. And all residents are encouraged to read "True Grit" by Charles Portis.

ATTEST:

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Douglas J. Johnson  
DeKalb County Clerk

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Jeffery L. Metzger, Sr.  
County Board Chairman